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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS REVISIONS TO THE
CARL MOYER PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND NEW
AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program) currently provides incentive grants to reduce smog-forming emissions from heavy-duty diesel-powered vehicles and equipment. The Carl Moyer Program guidelines provide local air quality management and air pollution control districts with criteria for implementing the program and selecting grant applications.

Legislative changes in 2004 expanded the scope and funding of the Carl Moyer Program and created the Agricultural Assistance Program. The Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) staff is in the process of revising the existing Carl Moyer Program guidelines, and developing guidelines for the Agricultural Assistance Program, to address the new requirements of the approved legislation. Proposed guideline revisions and new guidelines are scheduled to be presented to the Board at a public hearing on November 17, 2005.

Modifications to the Carl Moyer Program guidelines include revising the cost-effectiveness formula to include emission reductions of particulate matter (PM) and reactive organic gases (ROG) in addition to oxides of nitrogen (NOx), developing guidelines for on-road heavy-duty fleet modernization projects (vehicle replacement), revising project criteria to include additional agricultural sources of air pollution, and updating project criteria to reflect current engine emission standards and regulatory requirements.

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One of the legislative changes allows light-duty vehicle programs, such as voluntary accelerated vehicle retirement (VAVR), to be funded through the Carl Moyer Program. To address this change, ARB staff is developing proposed Carl Moyer Program guidelines for light-duty vehicle programs, as well as changes to the existing VAVR regulations.

The 2005 Budget Act, signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on July 11, 2005, includes \$25 million of incentive funds to retrofit and replace older, higher-polluting school buses through the Lower Emission School Bus Program. Workshops regarding that funding will be held later this year and are not included in these Moyer Program guidelines modifications. Updated information will be available on the Lower Emission School Bus Program website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/schoolbus/schoolbus.htm>.

This series of workshops will present proposed modifications to the Carl Moyer Program project criteria for each funding category including detailed funding examples and proposed project criteria for the Agricultural Assistance Program. The workshop format is intended to encourage detailed discussions of individual funding categories.

The staff will post draft project criteria for each category on the Carl Moyer Program website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/moyer.htm> by August 3, 2005.

Workshops will be held in Sacramento and Fresno. Agendas for the Sacramento and Fresno workshops are enclosed. The Sacramento workshop will also be webcast and accessible through this website: http://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/cal_wbcst.php. Information on submitting questions or comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants.

Sacramento

August 17, 18, and 19, 2005
California Air Resources Board
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Fresno

August 25, 2005
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution
Control District; Central Office
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726

Workshop presentations and handouts will be available at each workshop and at the Carl Moyer Program's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/moyer.htm>. If you would like to receive notification by e-mail of updates to the Carl Moyer Program website, please sign up at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/moyer.htm>.

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We welcome your participation. If you have general questions regarding either the workshop or the guidelines revisions, please contact Mr. Bob Nguyen, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 327-2939 or rnguyen@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

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Carl Moyer Program Workshop Agenda

Sacramento California Air Resources Board
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Wednesday, August 17, 2005; 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

10:00 AM Background /overview
10:30 AM Administrative procedures
11:30 AM Cost-effectiveness
12:30 PM Lunch break
1:30 PM On-road heavy-duty vehicles, idle reduction strategies such
as truck stop electrification and auxiliary power units, and
fleet modernization
4:30 PM Open discussion of other topics

Thursday, August 18, 2005; 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

10:00 AM Off-road diesel equipment/engines including transportation
refrigeration units; off-road spark-ignited equipment/engines
12:00 PM Lunch break
1:00 PM Goods movement including locomotives, marine/ports, and
airport ground support equipment
3:00 PM Open discussion of other topics

Friday August 19, 2005; 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

9:00 AM Agricultural sources
10:00 AM Agricultural Assistance Program
10:30 AM Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement
12:00 PM Open discussion of other topics
12:30 PM Adjourn

Carl Moyer Program Workshop Agenda

Fresno San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Central Office
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726

Thursday, August 25, 2005; 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

10:00 AM	Agricultural sources
11:00 AM	Agricultural Assistance Program
12:00 PM	Lunch break
1:00 PM	On-road heavy-duty vehicles/engines
2:00 PM	Off-road diesel and spark-ignited equipment/engines
3:00 PM	Open discussion of other topics
4:00 PM	Adjourn